Zone NJ.	States Covered
2. ZONE H	
(Bidhin Ctondra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Mohanpur)	W?st Bengal, Orissa and Andaman Nicobar Islands.
3. ZONE 111	
r (NBH Research Complex, Shillong)	Whole of the NEH Region, Sikkim and Assam.
4. ZONE IV	
(C. S. Azad University of Agri. & Tech., Kanpur)	Uttar Pradesh & Bihar.
5. ZONE V	
(Central Research Institute for Dryland Agri. Hyderabad)	Andhra Pradesh.
6. ZONE VI	
(Gujarat Agri University, Ahraedabad)	Rajasthan & Gujarat,
7. ZONE VII/ (Jawahirlal Nshru Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur)	Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra.
8. ZONE vm	
(NDRI Station, Bangalore)	Karnataka, Tamilnadu Kerala and Lask-shadweeo & Minicov Islands.

The Council headquarter staff and the Zonal Coordinating staff visit the project sites and provide on-the-spot guidance to the scientists and technical staff implementing the ORPs. These projects have been evaluated once by a committee constituted by the ICAR in the year 1980-81. Besides this evaluation, a special team was constituted by the ICAR to evaluate the ORPs on reclamation of problem soils. The recommendations of these committees after examination in the Council and approval of the Governing Body of the ICAR have been implemented.

The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad also undertook an evaluatory study of some selected operational resea'rch projects with the purpose of studying research management aspects of ORPs-and other planning, monitoring and evaluation problems involved in the implementation of ORPs.

Loans by HUDCO

♦260. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gove'mment have decided to raise the credit ceiling and repayment period of housing loans advance by HUDCO;

(b) whether in view of housing shortage in the country, Government propose to give fiscal incentives to promote housing activity in the country; and

(c)' whether Government also propose for additional tax benefits to the corporate sector for providing housing facilities to thei'r employees?

THE • MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MTNISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The financing norms of HUDCO were last revised in December, 1985;

No further revision is contemplated at present.

(b) The new fiscal incentives to promote housing activity have been announced by the Prime Minister in his Budget Speech.

Cc) This needs detailed examination,

Steel based engineering industries

@2011. SHRIMATT RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a num ber of engineering industries based on steel in the country are sta'rved of steel;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for the adequate supply of raw material to the steel based mgineering industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C PANT): (a) There have been some representations regarding inadequate availability of steel from various consumers.

(b) Production shortfalls in certain items have been a major contributory factor.

(c) Imports are being allowed to supplement indigenous availability.

Family pension scheme in HSCL at Bhilai

2012. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the employees of the Hindustan Steel Works Construe, tion Limited (HSCL) at Bhilai are compulsorily covered under the family pension scheme; and

©Previously Unstarred Question 1360, transferred from the 9th March,
iwr.

(b) if so, what are the reasons due to which the dependents of *some* dead employees have hot been given pensions as yet?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. The family pension scheme is applicable to all the3 employees of Hindustan Steel. Works Construction Limited including the working at Ehilai, who became members of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme on or after 1st March, 1971;

(b) HSCL has remitted the full amount due upto date in "respect of family pension to the he Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (RPFC). As and when applications are receiv-ed from families of the deceased, these aije verified with reference to the unit's reco'rds and thereafter transmitted to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, West Bengal Circle, Calcutta who makes the payment directly to the familv of deceased.

Works executed in HSOL at Bhilai

2013. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the structural mecha nical and electrical works in the HSCL at Bhilai are being executed through contractors instead of by the departmental worke'rs; and

[(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHEIK. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir These works are being executed by fully utilising departmental workers and supplementing them by piece rated workers (on labour con-tract).

(b) There are certain jobs, where adequate number of departmental workers having certain categories of skills are not available to execute the work. As a result it has been necessary to get the work executed by employing contractors to complete the works in time and as per targets. fixed by the client.